

Governor Baldacci's  
Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products  
Wednesday, June 13,, 2007 12:30PM-3:30 PM  
Rm 105 Cross Office Building (COB), Augusta, Maine  
MINUTES

Attendees:

Task Force members: David Littell, Brian Dancause, Cathy Renault, Deborah Rice, Kathy Murray, Sharon Tisher, Nick Bennett, Stacie Beyer, Steve Pinette

Other Task Force: Ginger Jordan-Hillier, staff

Interested Parties: Pattie Aho/ Pierce Atwood, Stan Eller/ACHM, Jetta Antonakos/SPO, Jeremy Caron DAFS

Full Task Force

Welcome and Introductions:

Initial walk through of proposed recommendations

Work Groups need to discuss new items.

Nano/John Wise: tabled to July meeting when John can be present.

Proposed expansion of mercury notification system to include priority chemicals: DEP could request reporting on chemicals at the time they need to do research not for all chemicals on an ongoing basis.

Assignments:

Deb Rice: priority chemicals list

Stacie Beyer: language on MSTAC Seed Grant and provide seed grant proposal/award? to be appended to final report

DEP:

Contact Mike Bilodeau re: Maine companies currently using nano

*Mike Bilodeau: One product in use by several paper manufacturers in the State of Maine that would be regarded as "nano" is a colloidal silica particle that has an average particle size of about 4 nm. The product helps retain small pigment and fiber particles during the formation of the paper during manufacturing. I estimate that Maine mills collectively use in excess of 1 million pounds of the product annually. Several mills have been using the product for at least 15 years.*

*I'm sure there are other products in use that would technically qualify as "nano", but they just haven't been classified that way.*

*John Wise: Marical makes something with Nano. A company at MMCRI is making them. Fairchild uses nano extensively or so I am told. Certainly LL bean sells clothes using nanotechnology. It is not easy information to glean. But they are in heavy use in many applications and I think are becoming commonplace.*

Contact Dave Wacker BLS re: public sector MSDS parity with Pennsylvania. *Dave on vacation . Will email answer when available.*

Determine if lawn care feed products are pesticides: *Lawn food only not a pesticide; if product contains substance to kill plants or insects it is a pesticide.*

Begin building Final Report using Interim Report as a base. Possible categories to pull in are data gap, safety gap, technology gap, federal or state responsibility, long or short term time line, whether resources are required. Final product should prioritize recommendations.

Next meetings: July 11<sup>th</sup>, No August meeting (see calendar below)

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| <b>Task Force<br/>Safer Chemicals<br/>Planning<br/>Agenda</b>                 | <b>Wed July<br/>11</b> | <b>NO<br/>AUGUST<br/>MEETING</b> | <b>Wed Sept<br/>12</b> | <b>Wed Sept<br/>26</b> | <b>Mon October 1</b>                                                  |
| WED July 11, 07<br>12:30-3:30PM<br><br>Rm 105 CROSS<br>OFFICE BLDG<br>AUGUSTA | Final<br>Report        |                                  | Final Draft            | Final Draft            | <b>Final report due<br/>Oct 1</b><br><br><b>Task Force<br/>ceases</b> |